

# **How to Read and Translate Risk and Safety Vernacular Phrases in Technical Texts**

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# R & S Phrases

## Topics for Today

- R & S Phrases
  - What are they and where do they come from
  - Where are they found
  - Examples
  - Not literal translations!
- Hazard and Precautionary Statements
  - What are they and where do they come from
  - Comparisons
- Resources

# R & S Phrases

What are they?

R-phrases (short for Risk Phrases) are defined as  
*special risks attributed to dangerous substances and preparations*

S-phrases (short for Safety Phrases) are defined as  
*safety advice concerning dangerous substances and preparations*

# R & S Phrases

What are they specifically?

- Phrases of 1-13 words to describe risk and safety aspects of dangerous substances
- Associated with identifying letter-number codes for brevity

Examples:

R10 – Flammable

R3 – Extreme risk of explosion by shock, friction, fire or other sources of ignition

S2 – Keep out of the reach of children

- Combinations also used

# R & S Phrases

Where do they come from?

*Before the EU...,*

**European Coal and  
Steel Community**



# R & S Phrases

**European Coal and Steel Community**  
(ECSC, 1951-2002)

France, Germany (1 of 2), Italy, Benelux

1957 - list of commercial chemical substances, and  
a set of phrases in 4 languages [DE, FR, IT, NL; the ECSC  
member states ] to include with packaging to describe:  
risks [Gefahren/risques/rischi/gevaren]  
safety [Sicherheit/prudence/prudenza/veiligheid]

# R & S Phrases

Where do they come from?

as the ECSC segued into the EU (⇒ 2002)  
new legislative bases established.

New versions of the R- and S-phrases created for use on product labels, defined in

**Annexes III & IV of EU Directive 67/548/EEC**

8 categories of dangerous compounds  
23 categories of substances

# R & S Phrases

EU Directive 67/548/EEC:

*“Approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances which are placed on the market in the Member States of the Community.”*

Annex I: notes, names of elements and substance classes

Annex II: danger symbols (pictograms)

Annex III: risk phrases

Annex IV: safety phrases

In 11 European languages

[ ES, DA, DE, EL, EN, FR, IT, NL, PT, FI, SV ]

# R & S Phrases

Where do they come from?

The scope, content, definitions, etc. underwent evolution

- Consolidated & expanded in **EU Directive 2001/59/EC**
- Further updated in **EU Directive 2006/102/EC**

Defined:

21 categories of substances

10 categories of hazard (with identifying symbols and pictograms)

# R & S Phrases

EU Directive 2006/102/EC:

Annex I: notes, names of elements and substance classes

Annex II: danger symbols (pictograms)

Annex III: risk phrases

Annex IV: safety phrases

Now in 22 European languages

[ BG, CS, DA, DE, EL, EN, ES, ET, FI, FR, HU, IT, LT, LV,  
MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, SV ]

# R & S Phrases

## Example: R10

<b>BG</b>	Запалим	<b>LT</b>	Degi
<b>CS</b>	Hořlavý	<b>HU</b>	Kis mértékben tűzveszélyes
<b>DA</b>	Brandfarlig	<b>MT</b>	Jieħu n-nar
<b>DE</b>	Entzündlich	<b>NL</b>	Ontvlambaar
<b>EL</b>	Εύφλεκτο	<b>PL</b>	Produkt łatwopalny
<b>EN</b>	Flammable	<b>PT</b>	Inflamável
<b>ES</b>	Inflamable	<b>RO</b>	Inflamabil
<b>ET</b>	Tuleohtlik	<b>SK</b>	Horľavý
<b>FR</b>	Inflammable	<b>SL</b>	Vnetljivo
<b>IT</b>	Infiammabile	<b>FI</b>	Syttyväät
<b>LV</b>	Uzliesmojošs	<b>SV</b>	Brandfarligt

# R & S Phrases

Where are they found?

- Product labels, shipping manifests
- MSDS/SDS/PSDS sheets and documentation
- Manufacturing instructions and batch records
- Legislation and regulations related to the above

# Example – Herbicide Label

PEEL BACK FOR DIRECTIONS FOR USE LEAFLET ↗

**RouteOne Rosate 36**  MAPP 13889 **20 Litre e** **PROTECT FROM FROST**

A soluble liquid herbicide containing 360 g/litre glyphosate acid present as 480 g/litre (41.5% w/w) isopropylamine salt and polyoxyethyleneamine surfactant.  
A foliar-applied, translocated herbicide for the control of annual and perennial weeds in a range of agricultural, horticultural, forestry, industrial, amenity and aquatic situations.

  
**IRRITANT**

  
**DANGEROUS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

RouteOne Rosate 36 – contains 480 g/litre (41.5% w/w) glyphosate isopropylamine salt and polyoxyethyleneamine.

**IRRITATING TO SKIN**  
**TOXIC TO AQUATIC ORGANISMS, MAY CAUSE LONG-TERM ADVERSE EFFECTS IN THE AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT**

KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN  
KEEP AWAY FROM FOOD, DRINK AND ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS WHEN USING DO NOT EAT, DRINK OR SMOKE  
AVOID CONTACT WITH EYES  
IN CASE OF CONTACT WITH EYES, RINSE IMMEDIATELY WITH PLENTY OF WATER AND SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE  
USE APPROPRIATE CONTAINMENT TO AVOID ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION THIS MATERIAL AND ITS CONTAINER MUST BE DISPOSED OF IN A SAFE WAY

To avoid risks to man and the environment, comply with the instructions for use.

The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations may apply to the use of this product at work.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

FOR USE ONLY AS AN AGRICULTURAL/HORTICULTURAL/INDUSTRIAL/AMENITY/FORESTRY HERBICIDE.

Crops: Wheat, durum wheat, barley, oats, oilseed rape, combining pea, mustard, field bean, linseed, sugar beet, swede, turnip, onion, leek, stubbles of all crops, grassland, hard surfaces, natural surfaces not intended to bear vegetation, permeable surfaces, overlying soil, all edible and non-edible crops (destruction of established vegetation prior to sowing or planting), apple, pear, plum, cherry, damson, enclosed waters, open waters, land immediately adjacent to aquatic areas, forest and farm forestry (weed control and chemical thinning by stump application and injection).

Maximum Individual Dose per hectare, Maximum Total Dose per hectare,  
Maximum Number of Treatments, Latest Time of Application, Other Specific Restrictions:

) See under  
) "Directions for Use"

**READ THE LABEL BEFORE USE. USING THIS PRODUCT IN A MANNER THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LABEL MAY BE AN OFFENCE. FOLLOW THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR USING PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS.**

**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

**Operator protection**  
Engineering control of operator exposure must be used where reasonably practicable in addition to the following personal protective equipment:  
WEAR SUITABLE PROTECTIVE GLOVES AND FACE PROTECTION (FACESHIELD) when handling or applying the concentrate.

WEAR SUITABLE PROTECTIVE CLOTHING (WATERPROOF JACKET AND TROUSERS), SUITABLE PROTECTIVE GLOVES AND RUBBER BOOTS when using a knapsack sprayer, hand-held rotary atomiser CDA sprayer and hand-held weedwiper equipment.

WEAR SUITABLE PROTECTIVE CLOTHING (WATERPROOF JACKET AND TROUSERS), SUITABLE PROTECTIVE GLOVES, RUBBER BOOTS AND FACE PROTECTION (FACESHIELD) when using spot-gun equipment, making cut-stump treatments or carrying out stem injection.

However, engineering controls may replace personal protective equipment if a COSHH assessment shows they provide an equal or higher standard of protection.

WASH CONCENTRATE from skin or eyes immediately.  
DO NOT BREATHE SPRAY.  
WASH HANDS AND EXPOSED SKIN before eating and drinking and after work.  
WASH ALL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING thoroughly after use, especially the insides of gloves.

**Environmental protection**  
Do not contaminate water with the product or its container except when used as directed. Do not clean application equipment near surface water. Avoid contamination via drains from farmyards and roads.

**Storage and disposal**  
KEEP IN ORIGINAL CONTAINER, tightly closed, in a safe place.  
RINSE CONTAINER THOROUGHLY by using an integrated pressure rinsing device or manually rinsing three times. Add washings to sprayer at time of filling and dispose of the container safely.

For advice on medical emergencies, fires, spillages or chemical hazards, telephone: 0208 762 8322 (24 hour)

UN 3082, ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (contains glyphosate and polyoxyethyleneamine); Class 9; Packing group III.

**Approval Holder and Marketing Company:**  
**Albaugh UK Ltd., Manor Farm, Eddlethorpe, Malton YO17 9QT Tel: 01653 658 657 Fax: 01653 658 050**

PEEL BACK FOR DIRECTIONS FOR USE LEAFLET ↗

Rosate 36, a glyphosate-based herbicide manufactured by Hughie Willet in the UK

# Example – Glyphosate

## Risk & safety phrases

**R38** IRRITATING TO SKIN

**R51/53** TOXIC TO AQUATIC ORGANISMS, MAY CAUSE LONG-TERM  
ADVERSE EFFECTS IN THE AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT

S2 KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN

S13 KEEP AWAY FROM FOOD, DRINK AND ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS

S20/21 WHEN USING DO NOT EAT, DRINK OR SMOKE

S25 AVOID CONTACT WITH EYES

S26 IN CASE OF CONTACT WITH EYES, RINSE IMMEDIATELY WITH PLENTY OF WATER AND  
SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE

S57 USE APPROPRIATE CONTAINMENT TO AVOID ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION

S35 THIS MATERIAL AND ITS CONTAINER MUST BE DISPOSED OF IN A SAFE WAY

# Example – Ácido Clorhídrico

## Risk & safety phrases

	<b>ÁCIDO CLORHÍDRICO 35 %.</b>	aproximada l/kg en líquidos
	(22° Bé.) d = 1,18 purísimo	1l. = 1,18 kg
	HCl	1kg. = 0,85 l.
<b>CORROSIVO</b>	P. m. = 36,47	Densidad a 15/4. 1,180-1,185
<b>fórmula</b>	<b>peso molecular</b>	LÍMITE MÁXIMO DE IMPUREZAS
R34 Provoca quemaduras. R37 Irritante para las vías respiratorias. S2 Mantener alejado del alcance de los niños. S26 En caso de contacto con los ojos, lavarlos inmediatamente con mucha agua y consultar a un médico.		Residuo de calcinación (en SO <sub>4</sub> ) ..... 0,005 %
		Cloro (Cl) ..... 0,001 %
		Bromuro (Br) ..... 0,01 %
		Sulfato (SO <sub>4</sub> ) ..... 0,0005 %
		Sulfito (SO <sub>3</sub> ) ..... 0,0005 %
		Amonio (NH <sub>4</sub> ) ..... 0,001 %

# Example – Alcool Isopropylique

## Risk & safety phrases



R11

S7

S16

# R & S Phrases

Chemical substance trade is international

Extends far beyond the EU

Nations outside the EU  
adopted / adapted / generated  
R & S phrases for their own use

# R & S Phrases

## Russian Equivalents

<b>R1</b>	В сухом виде взрывоопасно	Explosive when dry
<b>R23</b>	Токсично при вдыхании	Toxic by inhalation
<b>R43</b>	Может вызвать сенсибилизацию при попадании на кожу	May cause sensitisation by skin contact
<b>S18</b>	Обращаться и вскрывать с осторожностью	Handle and open container with care.
<b>S20</b>	Не принимать пищу и напитки при работе с материалом	When using do not eat or drink
<b>S27</b>	Немедленно снять всю загрязненную одежду	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.

# R & S Phrases

## Japanese Equivalents

**R1** 乾燥すると爆発する

Explosive when dry

**R23** 吸入すると毒性がある

Toxic by inhalation

**R43** 皮膚接触により感作性を  
引き起こすおそれがある

May cause sensitisation by  
skin contact

**S18** 取り扱いおよび容器を開  
ける際には注意する

Handle and open container  
with care.

**S20** 使用中は飲食厳禁

When using do not eat or drink

**S27** 汚染された衣服は直ちに  
脱ぎ去ること

Take off immediately all  
contaminated clothing.

# R & S Phrases

## Chinese Equivalents

**R1** 干燥时易爆

Explosive when dry

**R23** 吸入有毒

Toxic by inhalation

**R43** 皮膚接觸可能導致過敏

May cause sensitisation by skin contact

**S18** 小心處理容器與開啟容器

Handle and open container with care.

**S20** 使用中嚴禁飲食

When using do not eat or drink

**S27** 立即脫去被污染了的衣服

Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.

# R & S Phrases

# Korean Equivalents

R1	건조한 상태에서 폭발성을 가짐	Explosive when dry
R23	흡입 시 유독함	Toxic by inhalation
R43	피부 접촉 시 민감한 영향을 줄	May cause sensitisation by skin contact
S18	취급 및 용기를 열 때 주의	Handle and open container with care.
S20	사용 중 취식 금지	When using do not eat or drink
S27	오염된 옷은 즉시 벗는다	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.

# R & S Phrases

## Esperanto Equivalents

<b>R1</b>	Eksplodema kiam seka	Explosive when dry
<b>R23</b>	Toksa kiam inhalita	Toxic by inhalation
<b>R43</b>	Povas kaŭzi sentokapablon dum haŭtokontakto	May cause sensitisation by skin contact
<b>S18</b>	Manipulu kaj zorge malfermu kemiujon	Handle and open container with care.
<b>S20</b>	Ne manĝu nek drinku dum manipulado	When using do not eat or drink
<b>S27</b>	Tuje deprenu ĉian malpuran vestaĵaron	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.

# R & S Phrases

## Latin?

R22: *Harmful if swallowed*

~ Noxiam esse, si absorbeatur

℞℞℞℞ ℞ (Klingon)?

R22: *Harmful if swallowed*

~ joch vaj ghup

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# R & S Phrases

Literal translations don't always work!

The phrasing is standardized, but not necessarily what a translator would consider equivalent.

For example: R15 (DE)

***Reagiert mit Wasser unter Bildung leicht entzündlicher Gase***

This could be translated into English literally as:

*Reacts with water to form readily flammable gases*

But the standardized form is:

***Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases***

# R & S Phrases

Literal translations don't always work!

Another example: R33 (JA)

くりかえし蓄積すると危険なもの

This could be translated into English literally as:

*Repeated accumulation is hazardous*

But the standardized form is:

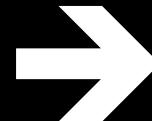
***Danger of cumulative effects***

# R & S Phrases



# H & P Statements

Transition  
EU-based → UN-based system



# H & P Statements

What are they?

H-statements (short for Hazard statements)  
defined as:

*standardized phrases about the hazards of chemical substances and mixtures  
that can be translated into different languages*

P-statements (short for Precautionary statements)  
defined as:

*standardized phrases giving advice about the correct handling  
of chemical substances and mixtures,  
which can be translated into different languages*

# **H & P Statements**

Where do they come from?

**Globally Harmonized System  
Classification and Labeling of Chemicals  
(GHS)**

[ [http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs\\_welcome\\_e.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_welcome_e.html) ]

[ <https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/global.html> ]

[ <http://www.hse.gov.uk/chemical-classification/index.htm> ]

[ [http://www.meti.go.jp/policy/chemical\\_management/int/ghs\\_text.html](http://www.meti.go.jp/policy/chemical_management/int/ghs_text.html) ]

# H & P Statements

## GHS

Developed by the UN, beginning in 1992 to harmonize and supersede the separate systems currently used in the EEC, the Americas, and other regions

17 physical hazard categories

10 health hazard categories

2 environmental hazard categories (aquatic toxicity and ozone layer)

# H & P Statements

## Why GHS?

**The goal of the GHS system is that:**

*...existing systems should be harmonized in order to develop a single, globally harmonized system to address classification of chemicals, labels, and safety data sheets.*

First version released in 2003

Updated every two years since then

Final (voluntary) adoption deadlines differ by country

Optional in Mexico (June 2011), alternative to national system

For the US, final adoption by June 1, 2015

# H & P Statements

EU homologated the GHS system  
into their new CLP Regulation (2008)  
(Classification, Labelling and Packaging)

Additional EU-H statements  
(unrepresented R-phrase substitutes)

# **H & P Statements**

**Hazard statements:**

**H200 – H413**

(EEC added EUH 001 – EUH 401 to correlate with R-phrases)

**Precautionary statements:**

**P101 – P501**

Initially published in 2003 in 6 official UN languages  
[AR, EN, ES, FR, RU, ZH]

**EU CLP version published in 2008**  
**In 24 EU languages**

# H & P Statements

Example: H310

Arabic	سامة إذا ابتلعت	French	Toxique en cas d'ingestion
Chinese	吞咽会中毒	Russian	Токсично при проглатывании
English	Toxic if swallowed	Spanish	Tóxico en caso de ingestión

Example: P234

Arabic	تبقي باردة	French	Tenir au frais
Chinese	保持低温	Russian	Хранить в прохладном месте
English	Keep cool	Spanish	Mantener fresco

# H & P Statements

More Harmonized?

Yes!

e.g., H340

English May cause genetic defects

French Peut induire des anomalies génétiques

German Kann genetische Defekte verursachen

Japanese 遺伝性疾患のおそれ

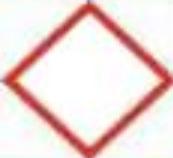
Spanish Puede provocar defectos genéticos

# H & P Statements

Not yet completely harmonized at country level

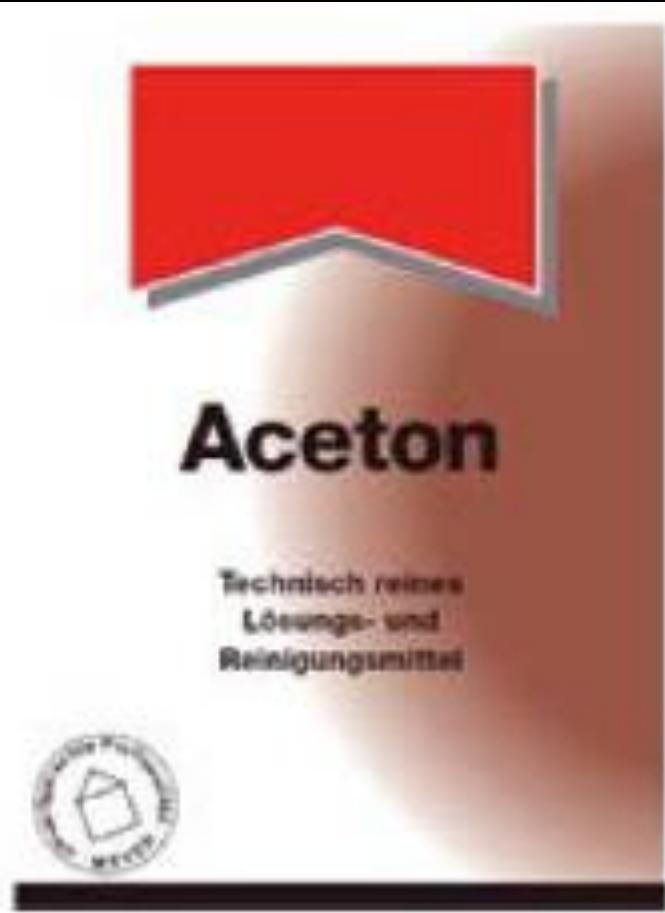
Hazard / Precautionary Statement	Europe Directive No 1272/2008 ONU: SGA	Mexico NMX-R-019-SCFI-2011
H240	Peligro de explosión en caso de calentamiento	Puede explotar al calentarse
H290	Puede ser corrosivo para los metales	Puede ser corrosiva para los metales
H317	Puede provocar una reacción alérgica en la piel.	Puede provocar una reacción cutánea alérgica
P201	Pedir instrucciones especiales antes del uso	Procurarse las instrucciones antes del uso
P231	Manipular en gas inerte	Manipular en un medio de gas inerte
P270	No comer, beber ni fumar durante su utilización	No comer, beber o fumar mientras se manipula este producto

# Example – SN洗浄剤 (n-hexane)

 未来材料に挑戦する	業務用	
<h1>SN洗浄剤</h1>		
製造番号	NET kg	
    	危険 指針番号 : 128 国連番号 : 1208	
火気厳禁 危険物第四類 第一石油類 危険等級Ⅱ		
成 分 : ノルマルヘキサン		
危険有害性情報		
H225 H315 H319 H304 H361	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 引火性の高い液体および蒸気。</li><li>● 皮膚刺激。</li><li>● 強い眼刺激。</li><li>● 飲み込み、気道に侵入すると生命に危険のおそれ。</li><li>● 生殖能又は胎児への悪影響のおそれの疑い。</li><li>● 長期又は反復暴露による中枢神経系、末梢神経系の障害。</li><li>● 呼吸器への刺激のおそれ。</li><li>● 水生生物に毒性。</li><li>● 眠気又はめまいのおそれ。</li></ul>	H335 H401 H336

# Example – Aceton

	<b>Gefahrenhinweise:</b> H225 Flüssigkeit und Dampf leicht entzündbar. H319 Verursacht schwere Augenreizung. H336 Kann Schläfrigkeit und Benommenheit verursachen.  EUH066 Wiederholter Kontakt kann zu spröder oder rissiger Haut führen.
P210	<b>Sicherheitshinweise:</b> Von Hitze, heißen Oberflächen, Funken, offenen Flammen sowie anderen Zündquellenarten fernhalten. Nicht rauchen. Einatmen von Dampf vermeiden.
P261 P305 + P351 + P338	BEI KONTAKT MIT DEN AUGEN: Einige Minuten lang behutsam mit Wasser ausspülen. Eventuell vorhandene Kontaktlinsen nach Möglichkeit entfernen. Weiter ausspülen. Bei anhaltender Augenreizung: Ärztlichen Rat einholen/ärztliche Hilfe hinzuziehen.
P337 + P313	Kühl an einem gut belüfteten Ort aufbewahren.
P235 + P403	



# Example – Acide acétique

## Acide acétique

$\text{CH}_3\text{-COOH}$ ; M=60,052 g/mol  
C > 90 %



### DANGER

H226: Liquide et vapeurs inflammables

H314 (1A): Provoque des brûlures de la peau et des lésions oculaires graves

P210: Tenir à l'écart de la chaleur/des étincelles/des flammes nues/des surfaces chaudes-Ne pas fumer

P260: Ne pas respirer les poussières/fumées/gaz/brouillards/vapeurs/aérosols

P280: Porter des gants de protection/des vêtements de protection/un équipement de protection des yeux/du visage

P305+P351+P338: EN CAS DE CONTACT AVEC LES YEUX : rincer avec précaution à l'eau pendant plusieurs minutes. Enlever les lentilles de contact si la victime en porte et si elles peuvent être facilement enlevées. Continuer à rincer

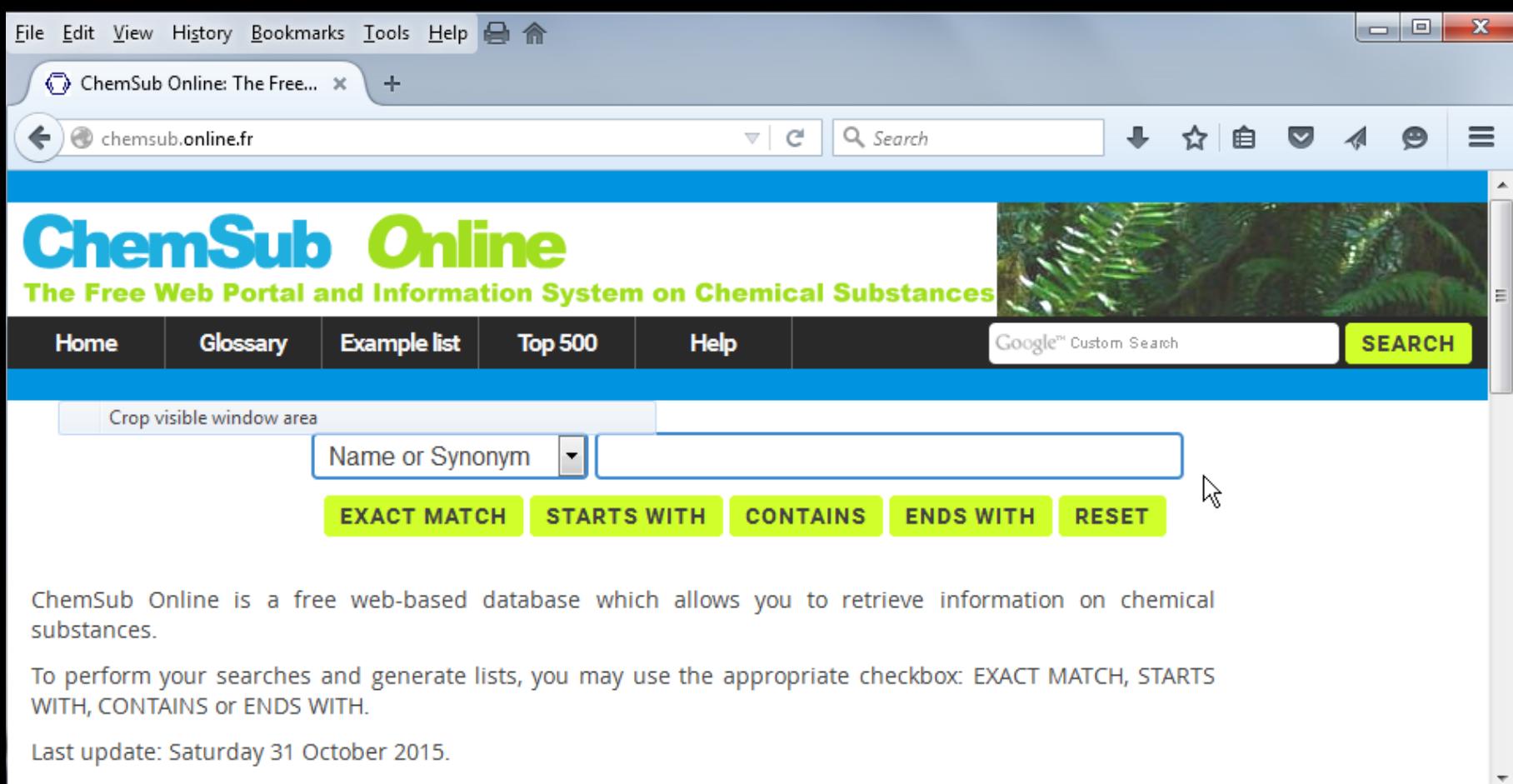
P310: Appeler immédiatement un CENTRE ANTIPOISON ou un médecin

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# R/S & H/P Phrase Resources



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following details:

- Header:** File, Edit, View, History, Bookmarks, Tools, Help, Print, Home.
- Title Bar:** ChemSub Online: The Free... (with a close button).
- Address Bar:** chemsub.online.fr.
- Search Bar:** Search (with a magnifying glass icon) and a dropdown menu.
- Page Content:**
  - Logo:** ChemSub Online (blue and green logo).
  - Text:** The Free Web Portal and Information System on Chemical Substances.
  - Navigation:** Home, Glossary, Example list, Top 500, Help.
  - Search Function:** Google Custom Search, SEARCH button.
  - Input Field:** Name or Synonym (dropdown menu open).
  - Buttons:** EXACT MATCH, STARTS WITH, CONTAINS, ENDS WITH, RESET.
  - Description:** ChemSub Online is a free web-based database which allows you to retrieve information on chemical substances.
  - Text:** To perform your searches and generate lists, you may use the appropriate checkbox: EXACT MATCH, STARTS WITH, CONTAINS or ENDS WITH.
  - Update Info:** Last update: Saturday 31 October 2015.

Search on full or partial substance name to find equivalent names and synonyms, substance data and R/S and H/P phrase information in multiple languages

<http://chemsub.online.fr/>

# R/S & H/P Phrase Resources

**KEMINACO**

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Use [Subvise](#) to spend less time tracking the REACH status of your chemicals!

**Chemical Hazard & Precautionary Statements**

The screenshot shows three vertical lists of codes, each with a scroll bar:

- Left list: EUH001, EUH006, EUH014, EUH018, EUH019, EUH029, EUH031, EUH032, EUH044, EUH059, EUH066, EUH070, EUH071, EUH201, EUH201A, EUH202, EUH203, EUH204, EUH205, EUH206, EUH207, EUH208, EUH209, EUH209A, EUH210, EUH401, H200, H201, H202, H203, H204, H205, H206, H207, H208
- Middle list: P101, P102, P103, P201, P202, P210, P211, P212, P220, P221, P222, P223, P230, P231, P231 + P232, P232, P233, P234, P235, P235 + P410, P240, P241, P242, P243, P244, P250, P251, P260, P261, P262, P263, P264, P270, P271, P272
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Search on H/P statement codes (R/S phrases too!) and language(s)  
[ <http://schoolsout24.de/cgi-bin/keminaco/hppinput.cgi> ]

# What did we learn today?

- R & S Phrases / H & P Statements
- These phrases/statements belong in your TM
- Don't translate them literally – use the equivalents
- Found in many types of technical texts
- H/P statements standard now, but R/S phrases still turn up
- Resources

# R/S & H/P Phrase Resources

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**MSDS Hyperglossary**, links to English keyword definitions [ [www.ilpi.com/msds/ref/](http://www.ilpi.com/msds/ref/) ]:  
Risk Phrases (R-phrases) [ [www.ilpi.com/msds/ref/riskphrases.html](http://www.ilpi.com/msds/ref/riskphrases.html) ]  
Safety Phrases (S-phrases) [ [www.ilpi.com/msds/ref/safetyphrases.html](http://www.ilpi.com/msds/ref/safetyphrases.html) ]  
Hazard statements (H statements) [ [www.ilpi.com/msds/ref/hstatements.html](http://www.ilpi.com/msds/ref/hstatements.html) ]  
Precaution statements (P statements) [ [www.ilpi.com/msds/ref/pstatements.html](http://www.ilpi.com/msds/ref/pstatements.html) ]

## **MSDS Europe** (CLP)

R & S phrases, H & P statements, select language on the right:  
(CZ, DE, EN, ES, FR, HR, HU, IT, PL, RO, RU, SK, SL)  
[ [www.msds-europe.com/kateg-161-1-msds\\_information.html](http://www.msds-europe.com/kateg-161-1-msds_information.html) ]

## **Keminaco** (CLP), Chemical Risk & Safety Phrases

(Martin Michel of Berlin, Germany)

in 23 European languages, can output tables

(BG, CZ, DA, DE, EL, EN, ES, ET, FI, FR, HU, IT, LV, MT, NL, NO, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, SV)

R&S phrases: [ [schools24.de/cgi-bin/rsp/rspinput.cgi](http://schools24.de/cgi-bin/rsp/rspinput.cgi) ]

H&P statements: [ [schools24.de/cgi-bin/hpp/hppinput.cgi](http://schools24.de/cgi-bin/hpp/hppinput.cgi) ]

# R/S & H/P Phrase Resources

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## **ChemSub Online**

Substance name search

find chemical name synonyms and R/S H/P information

click on the R/S-phrase or H/P statement for language equivalents

[ chemsub.online.fr ]

## **EU CLP Hazard and Precautionary Statements in 24 EU languages**

[BG, CS, DA, DE, EL, EN, ES, ET, FI, FR, GA, HR, HU, IT, LV, LT, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, SV]

[ [ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/chemicals/files/ghs/signalwords\\_hs\\_ps\\_en.xls](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/chemicals/files/ghs/signalwords_hs_ps_en.xls) ]

**Wikipedia articles** with lists & links to other languages:

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_R-phrases](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_R-phrases)

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_S-phrases](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_S-phrases)

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GHS\\_hazard\\_statement](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GHS_hazard_statement)

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GHS\\_precautionary\\_statements](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GHS_precautionary_statements)

**Emergency Response Guidebook** (North America, references for chemical nomenclature, first aid, emergency responses, public safety and hygiene, etc.)

EN: <http://tinyurl.com/nx9vmxl>

ES: <http://tinyurl.com/ofwmsfh>

FR: <https://www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/canutec-fra/GMU2012.pdf>

# R/S & H/P Phrase Resources

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Standards publications and other information sources:

Text of **Council Directive 2006/102/EC (CLP**, in European languages, Nov., 2006)  
[ [eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L\\_.2006.363.01.0241.01.ENG](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2006.363.01.0241.01.ENG) ]

**Globally Harmonized System** of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)  
UN [ [www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs\\_welcome\\_e.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_welcome_e.html) ]  
US [ [www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/global.html](http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/global.html) ]  
UK [ [www.hse.gov.uk/chemical-classification/index.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/chemical-classification/index.htm) ]  
JP [ [www.meti.go.jp/policy/chemical\\_management/int/ghs\\_text.html](http://www.meti.go.jp/policy/chemical_management/int/ghs_text.html) ]

**Norma Mexicana**, Sistema Armonizado de Clasificación y Comunicación de  
Peligros de los Productos Químicos.  
[ [trabajoseguro.stps.gob.mx/trabajoseguro/boletinesanteriores/2011/bol039/vinculos/NMX-R-019-SCFI-2011.pdf](http://trabajoseguro.stps.gob.mx/trabajoseguro/boletinesanteriores/2011/bol039/vinculos/NMX-R-019-SCFI-2011.pdf) ]

**European Chemicals Agency** "Chemical Labels are Changing" (European  
languages):  
[ [ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=738&langId=en&pubId=7639&furtherPubs=yes](http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=738&langId=en&pubId=7639&furtherPubs=yes) ]

**Hazard statement**

**Europe**  
**Directive No 1272/2008**  
**ONU: SGA**

**Mexico**  
**NMX-R-019-SCFI-2011**

H240	Peligro de explosión en caso de calentamiento	Puede explotar al calentarse
H241	Peligro de incendio o explosión en caso de calentamiento.	Puede incendiarse o explotar al calentarse
H242	Peligro de incendio en caso de calentamiento	Puede incendiarse al calentarse
H290	Puede ser corrosivo para los metales	Puede ser corrosiva para los metales
H314	Provoca quemaduras graves en la piel y lesiones oculares graves	Provoca graves quemaduras en la piel y lesiones oculares graves
H317	Puede provocar una reacción alérgica en la piel.	Puede provocar una reacción cutánea alérgica
H330	Mortal en caso de inhalación	Mortal si se inhala
H331	Tóxico en caso de inhalación	Tóxico si se inhala
H332	Nocivo en caso de inhalación	Nocivo si se inhala
H341	Se sospecha que provoca defectos genéticos	Susceptible de provocar defectos genéticos
H351	Se sospecha que provoca cáncer	Susceptible de provocar cáncer
H361	Se sospecha que perjudica la fertilidad o daña al feto	Susceptible de perjudicar la fertilidad o dañar al feto
H362	Puede perjudicar a los niños alimentados con leche materna	Puede ser nocivo para los lactantes

**Precautionary  
statement**

**Europe  
Directive No 1272/2008  
ONU: SGA**

- P101 Si se necesita consejo médico, tener a mano el envase o la etiqueta.
- P201 Pedir instrucciones especiales antes del uso
- P223 Mantener alejado de cualquier posible contacto con el agua, pues reacciona violentamente y puede provocar una llamarada.
- P230 Matener humedecido con...
- P231 Manipular en gas inerte
- P235 Mantener en un lugar fresco
- P240 Conectar a tierra/enlace equipotencial del recipiente y del equipo de recepción
- P242 Utilizar únicamente herramientas que no produzcan chispas
- P243 Tomar medidas de precaución contra descargas electrostáticas
- P250 Evitar la abrasión/el choque/.../la fricción
- P251 Recipiente a presión: no perforar ni quemar, aun después del uso.
- P260 No respirar el polvo/el humo/el gas/la niebla/los vapores/el aerosol
- P261 Evitar respirar el polvo/el humo/el gas/la niebla/los vapores/el aerosol
- P262 Evitar el contacto con los ojos, la piel o la ropa
- P263 Evitar el contacto durante el embarazo/la lactancia
- P264 Lavarse ... concienzudamente tras la manipulación
- P270 No comer, beber ni fumar durante su utilización
- P271 Utilizar únicamente en exteriores o en un lugar bien ventilado

**Mexico  
NMX-R-019-SCFI-2011**

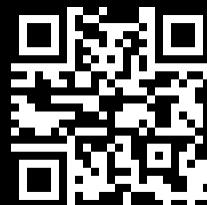
- Si se necesita consejo médico, tener a mano el recipiente o la etiqueta del producto.
- Procurarse las instrucciones antes del uso
- Evitar todo, contacto con el agua, por el riesgo de reacciones violentas y una posible inflamación instantánea.
- Mantener humidificado con...
- Manipular en un medio de gas inerte
- Mantener fresco
- Toma de tierra/enlace equipotencial del recipiente y del equipo receptor
- No utilizar herramientas que produzcan chispas
- Tomar medidas de precaución contra las descargas electrostáticas
- Evitar abrasiones/choques/.../fricciones
- Recipiente a presión: no perforar ni quemar, incluso después del uso.
- No respirar polvos/humos/gases/nieblas/vapores/aerosoles
- Evitar respirar polvos/humos/gases/nieblas/vapores/aerosoles
- Evitar todo contacto con los ojos, la piel o la ropa
- Evitar todo contacto con la sustancia durante el embarazo/la lactancia
- Lavarse ... cuidadosamente después de la manipulación
- No comer, beber o fumar mientras se manipula este producto
- Utilizar solo al aire libre o en un lugar bien ventilado

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